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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. See References 1-4.
- ☒ 3. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1, 2 & 3.
- ☒ 4. An English-language translation of the relevant portions of the non-English language references are attached hereto. See Reference 5.

- ☒ 5. The references were cited in a Notification of Reasons for Refusal issued September 13, 2005 for counterpart Japanese Application No. JP 2001-058188. An English language version of the Notification of Reasons for Refusal is attached for the Examiner's information. See Reference 6.

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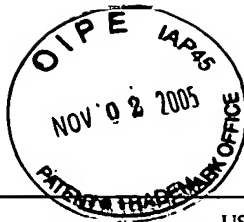
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